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Nightfall Light Festival 2021 Participatory Artist Bursary Brief

Summary

Nightfall is a magical family-friendly outdoor event which will take place at Stewart Park in Middlesbrough from Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th December. It is a self-guided trail of light-based artworks complemented by music, storytelling and performance. The event will be enhanced by beautifully decorated dwell areas where visitors can participate in hands-on workshop activities, take a break and share some warming refreshments. A high quality, playful and engaging visitor experience is at the heart of what we will deliver and our aim is to create a joyful atmosphere of connection, of families sharing an experience together.

Nightfall is produced by Stellar Projects. It is funded by Middlesbrough Council, Arts Council England and Tees Valley Combined Authority.

The bursary opportunity

This bursary opportunity will be delivered in partnership with Navigator North, who are a Tees Valley based, artist led organisation who initiate activities to raise the profile of artists and creative practice in the North East.

We are looking for 4 artists to take part in our professional development programme.

Selected artists will attend 2 professional development workshop sessions delivered by Navigator North and will design, plan and deliver a creative workshop activity suitable for children and families at Nightfall 2021. The sessions delivered by Nic Golightly and Vicky Holbrough will include an introduction to participatory practice and approaches to engagement, development of ideas and content, method statements and risk assessments costings, marketing and promotional information.

Each artist will then deliver 2 workshops during Nightfall, workshops will take place on site during the event which runs 2-5th December. Workshops will take place from 4.30pm finishing approx. 9.30pm.

Selected artists will work on a design in response to the Nightfall theme, *A Stellar Rainbow* and will create simple creative workshop activities aimed at children and families. We are looking for high quality ideas that are related to an artist's practice, something that can be easily achieved by potentially hundreds of visitors within a drop-in outdoor setting.

This opportunity would suit an artist who is looking to develop or strengthen their participatory practice.

The theme

The theme of this year's Nightfall is *A Stellar Rainbow*. Our intention is to bring a world of colour to the night skies of Stewart Park and provide an escape to the grey that we have been experiencing during a challenging year. We will celebrate the colours hidden deep within the night – inspired by colourful stars, comets, planets and nebulae, transforming the familiar park environment for visitors and highlighting the beauty of the evening time.

The Nightfall event

Workshops will take place under cover of gazebos and temporary structures in case of bad weather. The workshop activities will be located at the end of the route in the courtyard area at Stewart Park.

On the night visitors will arrive at the park and walk around a trail of light artworks before arriving at the courtyard area where there will be workshops, talks, performances, live music and food.

Visitors arrive at 15-minute intervals starting at 4pm with last entry at 9.00pm so we anticipate a steady stream of visitors will drop in and take part in workshop activity from 4.30-9.30pm

Target audience

Nightfall attracts a predominantly family audience, including children of all ages. Most visitors attend the event in groups, with family and friends. The activity must reflect our commitment to attracting audiences of all backgrounds and ages and our intention to create joyful and playful shared experiences.

Fee

The bursary fee is £600 plus materials

This includes attending 2 x half day professional development sessions and delivering workshops on 2 nights of the event.

Schedule

Application deadline: 1st October

Selection: week commencing 4th October

Professional development session 1 – 11th October (am) 2 hours

Professional development session 2 – 18th October (am) 2 hours

Application process

To apply for this opportunity, please send:

- a CV/biography detailing your previous experience

- a covering letter (max 1 side A4) telling us about your creative practice, why you are interested in this opportunity to expand your practice and how you might approach a bursary of this kind
- supporting images (max 5) and/or link to a website where we can see images of your previous work

Information can be sent in a range of formats, including written, audio or video files.

Deadline: midday on Friday 1st October.

Please send applications to: hello@stellar-projects.co.uk

We welcome and encourage applications from people who identify as D/deaf, visually impaired, disabled or neurodivergent, as a person of colour, and/or as LGBTQIA+. Self-definition is at the sole discretion of the individual.

We want to ensure that our application process is as accessible as possible, and that the way we work and our working environment actively removes access barriers. If you would like to have a conversation about access, please contact lyndsey@stellar-projects.co.uk

More information about the event can be found at www.nightfallfestival.co.uk

Further information about Stellar Projects can be found at www.stellarprojects.co.uk

Further information about Navigator North can be found at www.navigatornorth.co.uk

Any questions about the commission please get in touch via e-mail at hello@stellar-projects.co.uk